

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jesse J. Nehez at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

ROLL CALL was read by Tim Clymer. The following were present: Mayor Nehez; Councilpersons Beatrice Greenlee, Linda Bowen, Alan E. Hipps, Nick Magistrelli, Gary Vojtush, and Jim Daugherty; Law Director Brad Bryan; and Police Chief Mark Wentz. Fire Chief Jason Buss, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky were absent. Service Superintendent Jason Walters arrived shortly after the roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Nehez asked for approval of the minutes from the November 11, 2015 Council Meeting. Councilman Hipps made a motion, seconded by Council President Greenlee, all in favor, zero opposed, minutes approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

Keith Czerr shared his concern about the raise that was approved for the Finance Director. He felt it should have been tabled, since some of Council had questions and some members of the audience were against it. Mr. Czerr also asked if there is any legal reason why he cannot record meetings with a digital recorder.

Brad Bryan stated that he wanted to make it clear that the resolution for the Finance Director's raise went 3 readings and was on the agenda for three separate meetings before it was passed.

Jennifer Domzalski shared an incident where she saw a suspicious vehicle on her street. She was concerned because her daughter was walking to the bus stop for school. Ms. Domzalski saw a Police Officer on her way to work and expressed her concerns about the suspicious vehicle, and the Officer responded right away. Mrs. Domzalski reported the vehicle did drive away and the Officer followed it. Although she does not know the outcome, she wanted to thank the Police Department.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ - Reported that he has been working with a potential donor interested in making a large donation to the Village. Mayor Nehez reported the last time the Village received a donation like this was probably in the 80's when Mayor Charles Greenlee was in office and the land for the Pitluk Preserve was donated by Sally Pitluk. He and Jason Walters are meeting again tomorrow with the potential donor. He will keep everyone informed.

FINANCE DIRECTOR TIM CLYMER - Report attached.

Mr. Clymer also reported that he will be stepping down as Finance Director for personal and professional reasons. He thanked everyone for the opportunity he had here.

ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY – Not present.

LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN- Mr. Bryan requested that Council to go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the personnel matter involving the resignation of the Finance Director and his replacement.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz- Report attached.

Chief Wentz announced that Officer Micheal Bonfield finished first on the Full-Time Patrol Exam. Councilman Daugherty asked for an update on the police cruiser. Chief Wentz advised it is in the process of being equipped, and it should be back in a week or two.

Fire Chief, Jason Buss- Not present.

Service/Building Superintendent, Jason Walters- Report attached.

(Arrived after roll call)

Leaf season is complete, and the Service Department is now preparing for winter / snow. The manholes on Heights and Magnolia were raised.

Councilman Daugherty advised two juveniles tried picking up the no parking sign on Elm (on the railroad property), and it is down. He asked Jason to get the sign before someone takes it. The Service Department will start to decorate for Christmas next week.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION, ALAN E. HIPPS- The Planning Commission met November 18, 2015 to discuss the three lots at the end of Houghton and Electric. It was an informational session and went over previous motions made by former Planning Commission members. The next meeting is December 16 at 7:30 to discuss a property on Rosewood.

RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ- The Christmas Party will be Sunday December 13 at 5pm at the Fire Station.

CEMETERY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE- No report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: LINDA BOWEN- Ms. Bowen asked Brad Bryan to read the pay resolution.

2015-77- An Emergency Resolution Approving the Payment of the Bills for the Month of November totaling \$136,092.72. Motion to approve by Councilwoman Bowen, seconded by Council President Greenlee. Five votes in favor, Councilman Vojtush abstained. Motion passes.

ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS: JIM DAUGHERTY - No report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: GARY VOJTUSH - No report.

WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS: NICHOLAS MAGISTRELLI- No report.

FIRE AND SAFETY: BEATRICE GREENLEE- No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: ALAN HIPPS- No report.

LEGISLATION

2015-70 - An Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 618 of the Criminal Code Relating to Animals. -3rd reading. Motion to pass by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilman Daugherty. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Nehez asked if the Police Dept. enforces this Ordinance. Brad Bryan advised that they do.

2015-73- An Emergency Ordinance Adopting Chapter 891 of the Codified Ordinances Regarding Municipal Income Tax. First reading.

Brad Bryan explained the Ordinance and advised it has to be passed by the end of the year.

Councilman Vojtush stated he would like more time to read it.

Ordinance will go to second reading at the December 9, 2015 Council Meeting.

2015-74- An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 892.01(a) of the Business Regulation and Taxation Code Relating to the Admissions Tax.

Brad Bryan advised someone from Live Nation will speak to them on December 9th on the merits on why they feel the tax needs to stay at 3%. First reading.

Ordinance will go to second reading at the December 9, 2015 Council Meeting.

2015-75- An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 446.03 of the Traffic Code Relating to Snowmobiles, Off-Highway Motorcycles, and All-Purpose Vehicles. First reading.

Ordinance will go to second reading at the December 9, 2015 Council Meeting.

2015-76- An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 210.01(b) of the Administrative Code Relating to the Policies and Procedures for Selecting Professional Design Services. First Reading.

Ordinance will go to second reading at the December 9, 2015 Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; NEW BUSINESS;

Councilman Vojtush announced we have a celebrity in Northfield Village. The Akron Beacon Journal announced his six year old son was chosen as the Caring Santa representative at Summit Mall.

Council President Greenlee made a motion for Council to into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Councilwoman Bowen. Roll call vote, all in favor. Council went into Executive Session at 8:25. Council President Greenlee made a motion to come out of Executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Bowen. A roll call vote to come out of Executive Session was made, all in favor, at 8:50pm.

ADJOURNMENT -Motion by Councilwoman Bowen, seconded by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 and 15 seconds.

Respectfully submitted by:

Timothy Clymer
Clerk of Council